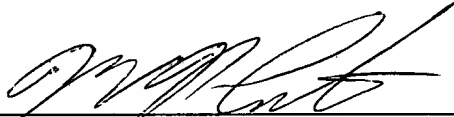



- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 8, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes:

Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 9 of this paper.